

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims of the application as set forth below:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) The system set forth in claim 5 wherein said system further includes means to initiate delivery of said gift to said ~~posted~~ identified ~~posted~~ person by using physical distribution means following confirmation of said payment completion.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) A managing and charging system for a bulletin board on an internet, where a person whose address is not open to the public can be identified and ~~can~~ post a message; comprising

a storage unit for storing a mail address of the ~~posted~~ said identified ~~posted~~ person;

application receiving means for receiving an application by a visitor to said bulletin board for a mail transmission and a gift delivery to said identified ~~posted~~ person;

confirmation means responsive to said application receiving means for confirming to said visitor the receiver of said gift and confirming the visitor's consent to payment for said gift;

payment processing means for processing and confirming payment completion for said gift; and

means directly responsive to said payment completion for notifying said visitor of the said mail address of said identified posted person which is stored in said storage unit, thereby allowing said visitor to send a mail to said identified posted person.

6. (Currently amended) A method for operating a managing and charging system for a bulletin board on an internet, where a person whose address is not open to the public can be identified and can post a message; comprising

storing a mail address of the ~~posted~~ said identified posted person at a storage unit in said system;

receiving at said system an application by a visitor to said bulletin board for a mail transmission and a gift delivery to said identified posted person;

utilizing said system for confirming to said visitor the receiver of said gift and confirming the visitor's consent to payment for said gift;

utilizing payment processing means at said system for processing and confirming payment completion for said gift; and

immediately and directly following confirmation of said payment completion; utilizing said system for notifying said visitor of the said mail address of said identified posted person which is stored in said storage unit, thereby allowing said visitor to send a mail to said identified posted person.

7. (Currently amended) The method set forth in claim 6, wherein said system is further utilized to initiate delivery of said gift to said identified posted person by using physical distribution means following confirmation of said payment completion.